

Flashing Yellow Arrow Turn Signal



Steady Red Arrow

Drivers must stop and may not enter the intersection.



Steady Yellow Arrow

Drivers are warned the turning signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Vehicles in the intersection should safely complete their turns.



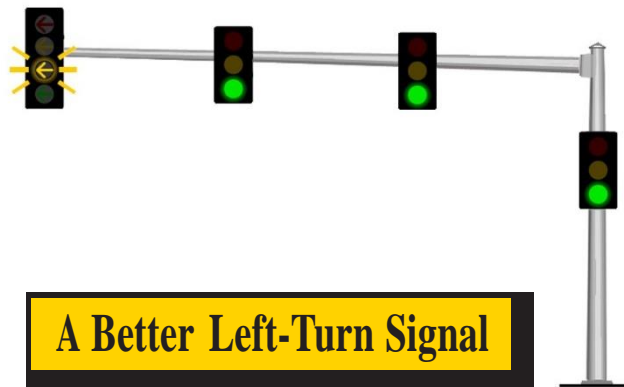
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Drivers can turn after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. (Oncoming traffic has a green light.) Drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap before turning!



Steady Green Arrow

Drivers making the turn have the right-of-way.



A Better Left-Turn Signal

SAFER

A national study demonstrated drivers had fewer crashes with the flashing yellow left-turn arrow than with the traditional yielding left-turn indication.

LESS DELAY

You have more opportunities to make a left turn with the flashing yellow left-turn arrow than with the traditional yielding left-turn indication, which keeps you moving.

MORE FLEXIBLE

The new display provides traffic engineers with more options to handle variable traffic volumes.

What to know about

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For more information

www.belmont.gov/flashingyellow



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What Is It?

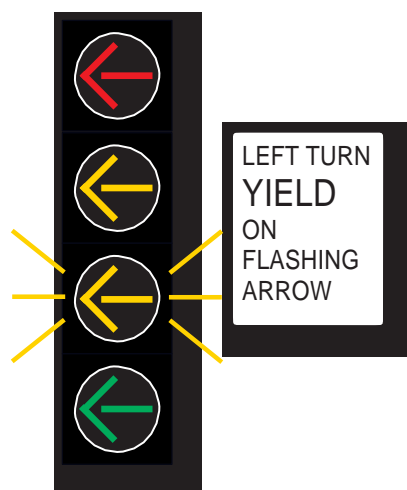
It's a new type of signal placed over the turn lane at a signalized intersection. A flashing yellow arrow means a vehicle is allowed to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the turn indicated by the arrow, but you must first YIELD to oncoming traffic and pedestrians then proceed with caution.

The new flashing yellow arrow indication provides a more direct message than the circular green for turn lanes. It reduces confusion since the turn lane display is no longer the same indication as what is displayed for the adjacent through lanes.

A national study conducted for the Federal Highway Administration demonstrated the new indication helps to prevent crashes, increases intersection capacity and provides additional traffic management flexibility for road agencies.

The City of Belmont is implementing a new traffic signal display to provide a safer, more efficient left turn. The flashing yellow arrow indication provides a more direct message than the traditional circular green indication for turns. It reduces confusion because the turn lane display is no longer the same indication as the adjacent through lanes.

Signal Display Changes



How Many States Have Them?

Forty-three states have installed flashing yellow arrows turn signals. The Federal Highway Administration estimates thousands of flashing yellow arrow signals have been installed nationwide.

What should motorists do when approaching the flashing yellow arrow turn signal?

Drivers should yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. When it is safe, proceed with caution through the intersection.

After it flashes, the flashing yellow arrow then becomes a steady (non-flashing) yellow arrow or a green arrow. Drivers should treat the steady yellow arrow just like a standard yellow light - prepare to stop or safely clear the intersection before the red light appears.

